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For: SHORT GCG EXPANSIONS IN THE PAB II GENE FOR  
OCULOPHARYNGEAL MUSCULAR DYSTROPHY AND  
DIAGNOSTIC THEREOF

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REPLY TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Responsive to the Restriction Requirement dated September 26, 2001, the claims of Group I, Claims 1 through 18, 31 and 32, drawn to an isolated PAB II gene comprising a GCG repeat and a diagnostic method of use, classified in class 536, subclass 23.1 and class 435, subclass 6, are elected for prosecution. Applicants reserve the right to file a continuing application or take such other appropriate action as deemed necessary to protect the non-elected inventions. Applicants do not hereby abandon or waive any rights in the non-elected inventions.

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